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1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 28, THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT

REPRESENTATIVES HELD A FURTHER SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 PROBLEM. THEY DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED DEBATE ON THE PACKAGE OF PROPOSED CONCESSIONS PENDING A MEETING THAT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND SOAMES IN PARIS MAY 29. THEY UNDERTOOK FURTHER DRAFTING REGARDING THE INTERNAL UNDERSTANDINGS ON PRINCIPLES FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CEREALS AND ON RETALIATION. THE PERM REPS PLAN TO RECONVENE ON THIS SUBJECT AT 5:30 P. M. BRUSSELS TIME MAY 29. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, HANNAY, THE PERM REPS OF COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH THE PACKAGE OF CONCESSIONS -- BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY -- WERE CALLED IN BY SOAMES INDIVIDUALLY IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. SOAMES REPORTEDLY MADE NO COMMITMENT TO THE PERM REPS REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE POSITION HE WILL TAKE WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE WHEN THE TWO MEET PRIOR TOT OPENING OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PARIS. SOAMES DID, HOWEVER, PROMISE TO TALK WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE ABOUT THE REMAINING ISSUES RAISED BY THE PERM REPS. HANNAY WAS RELUCTANT TO GO INTO DETAIL EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE BELGIAN DIFFICULTIES APPEAR LESS EXTENSIVE THAN HERETOFORE AND THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN PROBLEMS ARE WELL-KNOWN (REFTELS).

3. ACCORDING TO HANNAY, MOST OF THE PERM REPS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR DESIRE TO RESOLVE THE XXIV:6 PROBLEM THIS WEEK RATHER THAN HAVE IT GO OVER TO THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JUNE 4.

4. THE PERM REPS CONTINUED THEIR DRAFTING EXERCISE ON THE TWO PROPOSED ENTRIES IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES DEALING WITH PRINCIPLES FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CEREALS AND RETALIATION AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY EXERCISE THEIR RESERVED RIGHTS BY WITHDRAWING CONCESSIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNITY. (SEE REFTTEL A AND EC BRUSSELS 3328 FOR BACKGROUND.) THE FRANCO-BRITISH STANDOFF ON THESE MATTERS REMAINS. HANNAY SAID THAT IN ANY CASE THE UK PERM REP DID NOT HAVE FINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MAY 28 MEETING. DESPITE THE GENERAL DESIRE TO SETTLE THIS WEEK, HANNAY THOUGH THE FRENCH MIGHT WELL INSIS THE ENTIRE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTERS ON JUNE 4 IF THE TWO INTERNAL MINUTES ARE UNRESOLVED.
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